(d) the steps being taken to avoid such frequent fare hikes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURIM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) At present, Indian Airlines has no proposal to increase its fare. However, during the last one year, Indian Airlines increased domestic rupee fare once, w.e.f. 1st October, 1995 by an average of 20%. The domestic dollar fare was increased by a marginal 6% on an average w.e.f. 15th June, 1995 and by about 20% w.e.f. 1st January, 1996. The fares are increased to partially offset the all-round increase in the cost of operations.

Functioning of Industrial Development Centres

58. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Development Centres set up during the sixties are not fully functional now;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any study report after conducting survey in these sectors;

(c) the total number of such Centres set up during sixties and each Centre's functional position at present;

(d) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the revival of these Centres;

(e) if so, the detailed out-lines of the schemes; and

(f) the time by which these Centres are likely to be revived?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI K. KARUNAKARAN): (a) to (f) The Growth Centre Scheme was introduced by the Government of India in 1983 to Industrialise the 'No Industry Districts'. Under the scheme one or two identified Growth Centres in each of the 'No Industry District' was to be provided with Central assistance of Rs. 2.00 crores for infrastructure development. A total of 93 districts were identified as 'No Industry Districts' all over the country as per the District Industry Centre (DIC) Action Plan-1979-80.

Under the above scheme 30 Growth Centres spreading over 9 states were approved till 1988-89 when the new Growth Centre Scheme was announced by the Government of India in June, 1988. With the introduction of the new Growth Centre Scheme, the old scheme of 1983 was discontinued. However, such ongoing projects where substantial progress had been made remain eligible to get the full share of Central assistance before 31st March, 1996. Out of 30 Centres approved under the scheme, full Central assistance has been released in respect of 9 Centres. 2 Centres have been converted to the new Growth Centre scheme. Out of the remaining 19 Centres ten have already lapsed as their progress was unsatisfactory and no progress was reported for over last five years. The remaining 9 Centres are eligible to receive balance amount of Central assistance upto 31.3.96. The details of these 30 Growth Centres have been given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of Central Assistance Released Old Growth Centre Scheme—NID

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre/State	Assistance released Rs. in lakhs	Remarks
A.	**Centres already completed or converted into New Scheme.**		
	Karnataka		
1.	Bidar	200.00	Completed.

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre/State	Assistance released Rs. in lakhs	Remarks
C. Centres where progress is either unsatisfactory or no progress reported for over last five years.			
	Bihar		
1.	Purnea		50.00
2.	Khagaria		50.00
	Orissa		
3.	Phulbani		50.00
	Uttar Pradesh		
4.	Jaunpur		100.00
5.	Jalaun		100.00
6.	Kanpur Dehat		100.00
7.	Fatehpur		100.00
8.	Sultanpur		100.00
9.	Banda		50.00
10.	Hamirpur		50.00
	SUB TOTAL:		750.00
	GRAND TOTAL:		3560.66
	Madhya Pradesh		
2.	Bhind	200.00	-do-
3.	Mandla	200.00	-do-
4.	Dhar	200.00	-do-
5.	Rajgarh	200.00	-do-
6.	Jhabua	200.00	-do-
	Orissa		
7.	Bolangir	200.00	-do-
	Rajasthan		
8.	Sirohi	200.00	-do-
	Maharashtra		
9.	Gadchiroli	102.00	-do-
	Mizoram		
10.	Aizwal	50.00	Converted to New Scheme.
	West Bengal		
11.	Malda	50.00	-do-
	SUB TOTAL:	1802.00	

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre/State	Assistance released Rs. in lakhs
B.	**Centres Reporting progress and eligible to get further Central Assistance before 31.3.96.**	
	Bihar	
1.	Bhojpur	100.00
	Madhya Pradesh	
2.	Panna	100.00
	Orissa	
3.	Balasore	150.00
	Rajasthan	
4.	Barmer	96.66
5.	Churu	70.50
6.	Jaisalmer	41.50
	West Bengal	
7.	Jalpaiguri	150.00
8.	Coochbehar	150.00
9.	Bankura	150.00
	SUB TOTAL:	1008.66

Compulsory Education

*59. SHRI SANATAN BIST:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to bring comprehensive legislation for compulsory education to children below 14 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) and (b): No such proposal is under consideration.

Restoration of Pension Benefits

*60. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued orders based on the recent Supreme Court Judgement restoring one-third of commuted value of pension for those who had joined the public sector undertakings and statutorily independent organisations after taking retirement from Government service;

(b) if so, the details in this regard together with a copy of the relevant orders issued; and